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Whereas American Indians have served with distinction in the United States Armed Forces and in military actions for more than 200 years;

Whereas the courage, determination, and fighting spirit of American Indians were strengths recognized and valued by American military leaders;

Whereas the nearly 190,000 American Indian veterans have fought for the United States in the struggle for freedom and peace, often in a percentage well above their percentage of the population of the United States as a whole;

Whereas the Elders of the American Indian Society have proclaimed that official recognition of the military service of American Indians would help engender a sense of self-esteem and pride in American Indians;

Whereas, although November 11, Veterans Day, marks a day of observance for all veterans who served in the Armed Forces, the establishment of a specific National American Indian Veterans Day would honor the service of American Indians in the Armed Forces; and

Whereas November 7, a date during the annual National American Indian Heritage Month, would be an appropriate day to establish as National American Indian Veterans Day: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2       *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3               (1) honors the service of American Indians in  
4       the Armed Forces;

5               (2) recommends the establishment of a National  
6       American Indian Veterans Day;

7               (3) encourages all Americans to learn about the  
8       history of the service of American Indians in the  
9       Armed Forces; and

10              (4) requests the President to issue a proclama-  
11      tion calling on the people of the United States to ob-

1       serve the day with appropriate ceremonies, activities,  
2       and programs to demonstrate their support for  
3       American Indian veterans.

Passed the House of Representatives October 5,  
2004.

Attest:

*Clerk.*